

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:

Please insert the Abstract of the Disclosure located at the end of this Amendment as follows:

The present invention provides a method for the design and/or the selection of agonist or antagonist chemokine variants combining a phage display technology and a screening on living cells expressing the receptor of the corresponding native chemokine. It also provides RANTES variants having agonist properties towards said receptor, and methods for preventing and/or curing viral diseases, as well as clues for preventing and/or curing inflammatory or malignant diseases.

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This Nonprovisional application is a continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP02/11045, which claims priority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty to Patent Application No. 09/945,665 filed in UNITED STATES on September 5, 2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.